

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL, LEMON GROVE HOUSING AUTHORITY, LEMON
GROVE SANITATION DISTRICT BOARD, LEMON GROVE ROADWAY LIGHTING DISTRICT
BOARD, AND LEMON GROVE SUCCESSOR AGENCY
November 4, 2014**

Call to Order

Members present: Mary Sessom, Howard Cook, George Gastil, Jerry Jones, and Racquel Vasquez.
Members absent: None.

City Staff present: Graham Mitchell, City Manager; Lt. Brock, Sheriff's Department; Carol Dick, Development Services Director; Leon Firsht, City Engineer; Susan Garcia, City Clerk; James P. Lough, City Attorney; Mike James, Public Works Director; Rick Sitta, Fire Chief; and Cathleen Till, Finance Director.

Public Comment

Helen Ofield, Soroptimist International of Lemon Grove, requested the City participate in the 61st Annual Holiday Giving project by donating \$2,500 to the event.

Bob Jones commented on the recent Fall Clean-up Day.

1. Consent Calendar

Mayor Sessom noted that item 1. F will be pulled for discussion.

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes**
October 21, 2014 Regular Meeting
- B. Ratification of Payment Demands**
- C. Waive Full Text Reading of All Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda**
- D. Fire Division Chief Job Description Update**
- E. Tree Maintenance Services Agreement**

Action: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, seconded by Councilmember Gastil, to approve the Consent Calendar passed, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sessom, Cook, Gastil, Jones, Vasquez

Resolution No. 2014-3288: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Approving the Job Description for the Fire Division Chief

Resolution No. 2014 – 3289: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Approving a Tree Maintenance Services Agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc. for Tree Maintenance Services in the City of Lemon Grove

1.F Planning Commission Appointments

Mike Richards suggested that this item be discussed after item No 3. due to potential change with the Planning Commission.

Action: Motion by Councilmember Gastil, seconded by Mayor Sessom, to approve Consent Calendar item 1.F passed, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sessom, Cook, Gastil, Jones, Vasquez

Resolution No. 2014- 3290: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Appointing Robert Bailey and Sean Cole to the Lemon Grove Planning Commission for Terms from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017

2. Lemon Grove Farmers Market Agreement

Mike James reported that in September 2013, the City of Lemon Grove completed the construction of the Main Street Promenade Park (Promenade). The Promenade is situated south of the Citronica One building located at 7765 North Avenue. Since its completion, the Promenade attracts patrons from downtown business, Citronica One, Citronica Two, and the MTS trolley depot.

In June 2014, staff worked with a consultant to create a community space where families can gather, and enjoy the outdoors, along with the goal of creating a space that may also sustain retail and generate income.

The consultant provided staff with a list of 28 farmers market and outdoor retail vendors to contact. Staff contacted each vendor to determine if any were interested in partnering with the City to operate within the Promenade. Out of the 28 vendors, seven met with City staff to discuss each vendor's plan.

Of the seven vendors, only two were interested in working in the Promenade: Brian's Farmers Market and IB Farmer's Market (Kimberly Paris). And of those two, only Ms. Paris was interested in operating a Farmers Market at the Promenade.

After meeting with each of the seven vendors, staff determined that the presentation and vision that Ms. Paris provided would be the best model to energize the Promenade. Additionally, Ms. Paris provided concepts that will help to bring the community and local businesses together as a part of the Lemon Grove Certified Farmers Market (Market).

This same model is currently being used in the City of Imperial Beach with the Imperial Beach Certified Farmers Market, which Ms. Paris manages. Staff has visited the market as well as contacted City staff from the City of Imperial Beach. The Farmers Market was clean, well organized, and provided a variety of fruits, vegetables, specialty foods, artisans, and services as approved by the City of Imperial Beach. Furthermore, the City of Imperial Beach staff spoke favorably of Ms. Paris' ability to manage the Farmers Market.

Public Speaker(s)

Teresa Johnson and Gretchen Scott requested that the Market plans be postponed for 30 days to allow the business community time to ascertain possible impacts, including parking.

Kimberly Paris, IB Farmers Market, provided an overview of her vision for the Market and explained her willingness to work with the business community.

After the discussion, the City Council agreed to the 30 day postponement and directed staff to conduct further analysis regarding which day of the week to operate the Market.

3. Planning Commission

Graham Mitchell reported that at its October 21, 2014 meeting, the City Council directed staff to provide an analysis regarding the Lemon Grove Planning Commission.

The City Council asked staff to address several specific topics; Planning Commission activity, streamlining of the approval process, Planning Commission costs, and overall benefits and drawbacks of a Planning Commission.

In preparation for this staff report, staff consulted with officials from other cities, and representatives of the business and development community, including the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce, the San Diego East County Economic Development Council, and the Building Industry Association of San Diego, and the City Attorney.

Public Speaker(s)

Scott Robinson and Bob Jones spoke in favor of retaining the Planning Commission.

After the discussion, staff was directed to conduct further analysis and return to a future City Council meeting.

4. Ordinance No. 424 – Massage Therapy Practice: Local Licensing

Staff recommends that the City Council waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 424 amending Chapter 8.20 Massage Establishments of the Lemon Grove Municipal Code and renaming Chapter 8.20 Massage Therapy Practice: Local Licensing.

Public Speaker(s)

There were no requests from the public to speak.

Action: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Jones, seconded by Councilmember Vasquez, to adopt the resolution passed, by the following vote:

Ayes: Sessom, Cook, Gastil, Jones, Vasquez

Ordinance No. 424: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Amending Chapter 8.20 (Massage Establishments) of the Lemon Grove Municipal Code and Renaming Chapter 8.20 (Massage Therapy Practice: Local Licensing)

City Council Oral Comments and Reports on Meetings Attended at the Expense of the City. (GC 53232.3 (d))

Councilmember Gastil attended a MTS meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones attended the Lemon Grove Live event.

Councilmember Vasquez attended Health Improvement partners, Lemon Grove Academy, ECEDC, the City County Reinvestment, and the Lemon Grove Soroptimist Chili Cook-off fundraising event.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Housing Authority, Sanitation District Board, Lemon Grove Roadway Lighting District Board, and the Lemon Grove Successor Agency the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Susan Garcia

Susan Garcia, City Clerk